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1. WE HOPE THAT MAJOR POINTS ADEQUATELY COVERED BY REFTEL C. BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITY OF SAUDIS, WE FEEL ANOTHER APPOINTMENT WITH FAHD AT THIS TIME WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD IS STILL ABSENT FROM COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, SAG IS INVOLVED WITH VISIT BY PRESIDENT BARRE OF SOMALIA, MAKING APPOINTMENTS THIS WEEK DIFFICULT.

2. EXPANDING REFTEL C, FAHD'S PRELIMINARY REACTION TO INVITATIONS TO CAIRO CONFERENCE NONCOMMITTAL. WE RECEIVED DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT HE WOULD NOT ENCOURAGE OR DISCOURAGE ATTENDANCE BY CONFRONTATION ARAB STATES. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF CAIRO CONFERENCE INCLUDES PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION, THIS NEW ELEMENT MAY MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROACH TO FAHD WORTHWHILE TO GET FRESH SAUDI REACTION.

3. FINAL QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL B WERE IN OUR MINDS EFFECTIVELY ANSWERED BY FAHD IN OUR MEETING. WE RESTATE AS FOLLOWS: THERE ARE NO, REPEAT NO JOINT STEPS WHICH U.S. AND SAUDI ARABIA CAN TAKE AT THIS TIME TO HEAL ARAB RIFT

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OR ADVANCE PEACE MOMENTUM. FAHD RECOMMENDED SEPARATE STEPS FOR EACH OF US. SAG SHOULD RETAIN NEUTRAL STATUS, LETTING ARAB EMOTIONS COOL FOR A TIME AND THEN STEPPING IN AS A MEDIATOR; U.S. SHOULD FORCE SOME TANGIBLE CONCESSIONS FROM BEGIN OR PRODUCE SOME ADDITIONAL SHOW OF SUPPORT BY U.S. FOR ARAB CAUSE TO GIVE SAG A BETTER BASIS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR MEDIATING ROLE.

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